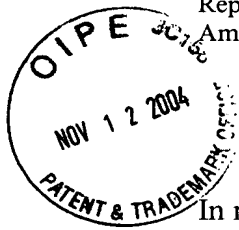


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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections based on the following amendments and arguments. This response is accompanied by a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee extending the deadline for reply to November 6, 2004. Therefore, the Response is timely filed on November 8, 2004, as November 6, 2004 fell on a Saturday.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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